

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2001
EOB LOBBY CONFERENCE ROOM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Ron Ogens, Chair
Commissioner Paul Sterling
Assistant Chief Phil Guercio, DFRS
District Chief John Gallo (Alternate)
Deputy Chief Mike Kelley (Alternate)

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Chief Roger Strock, DFRS
Chief David Dwyer, DVFRS
Assistant Chief Randy Wheeler, DFRS
Captain Edward Radcliffe, DFRS
Nick Venuto, IAFF Local 1664
George Giebel, MCFRS
Neil A. Shorb, MCFRS
Beth Feldman, MCFRS
Annette Cheng, MCFRS

1. Call to Order – Chair Ogens

The Operations Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Ogens at 7:40 a.m. in the EOB lobby conference room.

2. Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2001

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Sterling to approve the Operations Committee minutes of the January 24, 2001 meeting. MOTION SECONDED by Assistant Chief Guercio and PASSED unanimously.

3- Search and Rescue Policy - Update

Deputy Chief Jarboe gave an update on the Search and Rescue draft policy. Handouts were distributed.

Assistant Chief Guercio suggested that consideration be given to incorporate the Search and Rescue SOP into the Structural Firefighting policy.

Committee Chair Ogens suggested that Deputy Chief Jarboe continue working on the draft policy and provide Commissioner Marco with a copy of his draft policy. The draft policy should be presented to the System Safety Committee before presentation to the Operations Committee.

4. Communications Subcommittee Report/Recommendations

Assistant Chief Johnston reported on the Communications Subcommittee meeting. The Subcommittee discussed several issues: Cross Street Vocals at Incident Dispatch, Modifications to Portable Radio Designations, Immediate Assignment of Operations Channel at Dispatch, and Paging Issues within the Radio System. A copy of the report is included in today's agenda packet.

Assistant Chief Johnston recommended that the Committee defer action on the Cross Street Vocals at Incident Dispatch and the Paging Issues within the Radio System until the new Communications system is established.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Sterling to support the concept of *Modifications to Portable Radio Designations and Immediate Assignment of Operations Channel at Dispatch*, and requested that staff develop changes to the appropriate documents, and present it to the Operations Committee at the next monthly meeting. MOTION SECONDED by Deputy Chief Kelley and PASSED unanimously.

5. EMS Incidents on High Speed Highways

A MOTION was made by Deputy Chief Kelley to support the concept of dispatching a primary unit along with an EMS unit on medical emergency calls on high speed limited access highways, to request staff to develop changes to the appropriate documents to implement this change and present it to the Operations Committee at the next monthly meeting. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Sterling and PASSED unanimously.

6. Breathing Air Plan – Update

Commissioner Sterling gave an update on the Breathing Air Capability. He received some general comments from the Committee regarding the draft report. He advised that he would take the feedback provided and make revisions to the draft prior to resubmitting it to the Operations Committee.

7. METRO Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2001

The METRO Subcommittee's meeting minutes of February 12, 2001 were distributed for information purpose only.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Sterling to adjourn the meeting. MOTION SECONDED by Assistant Chief Guercio and PASSED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.